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## PRESS RELEASE

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 10/15/2001 11:00 A.M.  
DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 10/13/2001 10:23 A.M.  
NATURE OF CALL: STOLEN VEHICLE PURSUIT  
LOCATION OF CALL: HWY 49, AUBURN  
CASE NUMBER: SO 01-17751  
RELEASED BY: SGT. JOHN ADDOMS

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### SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

On Saturday, 10-13-2001, Placer County Sheriff deputies arrested 4 after a vehicle pursuit in North Auburn that reached speeds approaching 120 mph and the successful deployment of a spike strip.

The incident began on Hwy 49 north of New Airport Road after Deputy Dennis Kemper attempted to stop a white Honda not displaying any license plates. The Honda sped away northbound on Hwy 49 at speeds approaching 120 mph with deputies in pursuit. After about 4 miles, the vehicle turned around at Cramer Road and continued southbound Hwy 49. Deputy Jim Hudson, who had been following the pursuit, found the suspect was now headed toward him and deployed his spike strip as the suspect passed him, puncturing two of the Honda's tires. The vehicle continued on its rims and turned on Willow Creek Road near the Kmart shopping center, almost exactly where the pursuit began. After stopping behind *Ralphs* supermarket, the male driver jumped from the Honda and ran across a vacant lot where Deputy Mitch Olson and his canine partner took the driver, Lucas Dean Tate, a 22-year-old transient, into custody without having to deploy the dog.

The female passenger of the Honda fled on foot and ran into *Kmart*. While in *Kmart*, the female changed clothing in an apparent attempt to change her appearance. Deputies arrested the female, Kristen Shirl Bardwell, a 25-year-old Grass Valley woman, inside the *Kmart* store.

Follow-up investigation revealed that the Honda had been reported stolen out of Nevada County. A search of the stolen car revealed stolen credit cards and a methamphetamine smoking pipe.

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It was also discovered that the driver, Lukas Tate, had two no bail warrants for auto theft, one out of Sacramento County and one out of Nevada County.

Additional follow-up by the patrol deputies indicated that Bardwell had been staying at the *Super 8 Motel* with 2 other females. Contact with the females resulted in their arrests. One of the females, Kelly Lynn Sheehan, a 22-year-old Nevada City woman, had two warrants totaling \$22,000 bail out of Placer County charging 11550 H&S, being under the influence of a controlled substance. The other female, Angela Patricia Niesen, a 21-year-old Nevada City resident, was found in possession of methamphetamine and a methamphetamine smoking pipe.

Lukas Dean Tate was booked at the Placer County Jail for auto theft, evading, possession of stolen property, possession of substance use paraphernalia, and the no bail warrants. He remains in custody without bail pending arraignment in Department 13 on 10/16/2001 at 1:30 p.m.

Kristen Shirl Bardwell was booked at the Placer County Jail for possession of stolen property, committing a felony while out on bail, and resisting arrest. She was released from custody and assigned a court date of 10/29/2001 at 8:30 a.m. in Department 13 for arraignment.

Angela Patricia Niesen was booked at the Placer County Jail for possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug use paraphernalia. She was released from custody and assigned a court date on 10/30/2001 at 8:30 a.m. in Department 13 for arraignment.

Kelly Lynn Sheehan was booked on the two Placer County warrants charging 11550 H&S and remains in custody pending \$22,000 bail. She is scheduled to appear for arraignment in Department 13 on 10/16/2001 at 1:30 p.m.

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**RELEASED BY: Sgt. John Addoms**

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